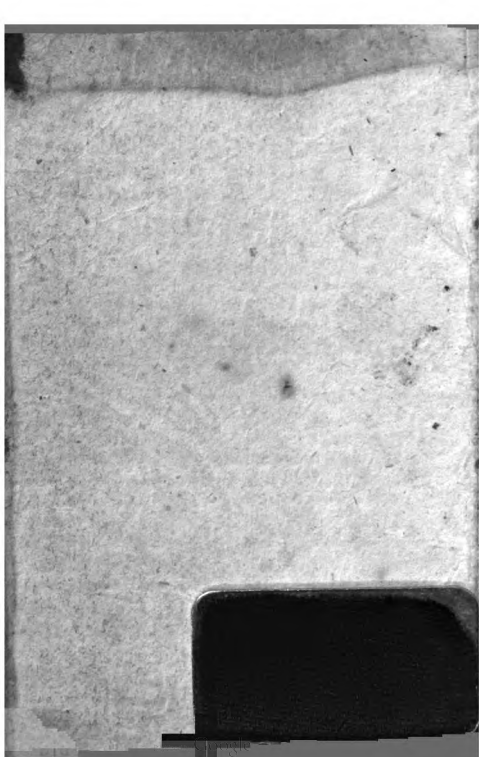

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DAILY EXERCISE

FOR

CHILDREN:

CONTAINING

A Method of hearing Mass, with thirty-five Representations of the Passion—the Manner of serving at Mass—and a Variety of other Devotions adapted to the Capacity of Youth.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

An Abridgment of Christian Doctrine,
or the First Catechism,

But Jesus calling them together, said: Suffer little Children to come to me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Luke xviii. 16.

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ADDRESS TO PARENTS.

Instruct thy son, and he shall refresh thee, and shall give delight to thy soul. Prov. xxix. 17.

IT is generally thought, that a child in early infancy is neither capable of virtue nor vice; and from this absurd notion the parent neglects to instil the former, and too often, instead of correcting, laughs at the latter. Hence it arises that such children, not being early initiated in the love of God, and practice of piety, become, in riper years, a burthen of sorrow and reproach to their parents, by neglecting their duty both to God and them. This little book is therefore compiled to assist them in this most essential duty which they owe to their children in their tender years.

And first, let the parent or the nurse be careful that their own conduct be no way blameable in dressing or undressing a child: let it be done with privacy, and not before people in whose countenance they may create a blush: such indecencies, though they be in married women, set a stamp of lightness on a female character.

They should also take the earliest opportunity to guide the babe's little hand in making the sign of the Cross, and teach it to pronounce with suitable reverence the most holy name of JESUS, and to seek early the intercession of his Blessed MOTHER; for what prayer, if expressed with due reverence and devotion, can be shorter and more efficacious than is contained in the holy names of JESUS and MARY, thro' whom our redemption was wrought. Whilst thus they dedicate the infant to the purpose of its creation, and initiate it in the service of God, they may thence proceed to the short Ejaculations, Hymns, and go on with the same, according to the child's capacity, and the memory at

once, but advancing gradually by short and agreeable lessons.—Instruct them to behave modestly in all their actions; and when they go to rest, let them learn to lay their arms across their breast, in imitation of that cross by which we hope for salvation.—Let parents remember, that a child who knows not his duty to God, may be naturally expected to neglect that which it owes to them; and that this negligence of the early means of inculcating piety, is generally the cause of all the misfortunes and crimes that imbitter the peace of families, and disgrace society.—*The son that keepeth the word shall be free from destruction.* Prov. xxi. 2.



MORNING PRAYERS.

Awaking say, 1

O My God, accept of my most humble thanks for having preserved me this night from sudden and unprovided death: and that as you have given me this day, so by the assistance of your grace, I may employ it to your honour and glory. *Amen.*

A Morning Hymn.

Refresh'd with sleep, I gladly rise
To pay my morning sacrifice;
And beg, kind Father, thou wouldst
hear
With wonted love my earnest pray'r.



IN the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided
Trinity, now, and for evermore.
Amen.

OUR Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name: thy
kingdom come: thy will be done on
earth, as it is in heaven: give us this

day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

HAIL Mary! full of grace, our Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, JESUS. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost: born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended into heaven; sits at the right-hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholic Church: the communion of saints: the forgiveness of

sins: the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Confession.

I Confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. (*Here pause awhile to consider the vices of which you have been guilty.*) Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God ✝ have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. *Amen.*

May the almighty and merciful ✝ Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. *Amen.*

A Morning Offering.

Almighty Lord God, who hast brought me to the beginning of this day by your powerful grace, so conduct me through it, that I may not fall into any sin, but rather die than offend thee. To you, O my God, I offer up all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; begging they may be united to and sanctified by the passion and death of my dear Redeemer, to your honour and glory, in satisfaction for my sins. And teach me, sweet Jesus, to be meek and humble of heart. *Amen.*

A Prayer to beg the Grace of Love and Obedience to Parents.

O Heavenly Father, who commandest us to love, obey, respect, and honour our parents, grant that I may always comply with this thy command, by being ever faithful in the performance of all it enjoins, and in never doing any thing contrary thereunto.

May I ever deny myself in all lawful things, to please my parents; and obey them in whatever they can justly

require or expect from me. Let me never contradict them, nor so dispute against their proposals as to make them uneasy. May I always consult them in all that concerns them or myself. May I ever be deaf to those who advise the despising or neglecting of my parents' advice. May I never afflict them by following bad counsel, wicked company, or any evil ways. May I always study to be their comfort, in recompense for all the care, trouble, and love they have had for me. May I never shew any impatience at their infirmities, much less mock at any weakness to which they are subject.

Direct me, O my God, in every thing relating to my duty, and suffer no change of circumstances to withdraw me from it. May I, in no lawful concerns ever offend my parents on earth, nor displease thee, my Father, who art in heaven.

A Prayer for Relations, Friends, &c.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, to grant grace, mercy, and life everlasting to my parents, brothers and sisters, and all my relations; as also

to my godfathers and godmothers, my friends, and every other person for whom I am bound to pray, or who any ways stand in need of my prayers. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Scholar's Prayer.

GRANT me, I most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, the grace of respect and obedience to my spiritual director, my master (*or mistress*) teachers, and those whom my parents or guardians have placed in authority over me. Grant me also, O Lord, a quickness of capacity, a diligence in learning my lessons, and above all, a watchfulness to avoid the conversation and company of all persons who offend thee by their wicked words, or actions. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer to the Saints and Angels to intercede for us.

ALL you holy saints of God, particularly you whose name I bear, (*name the saint*) and all ye holy angels of God, especially you whom God hath

appointed to be my guardian, intercede for me, and defend me from all danger. *Amen.*

Conclusion.

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, to grant me thy grace, mercy, and life everlasting: as also to all my deceased friends, relations, and all for whom I am any ways bound to pray. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

✠ GOD the Father bless me; Jesus Christ defend me; the virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me, now, and for evermore. *Amen.*

LIVE, Jesus, live, and let it be My life to die for love of thee;
And grant my eyes one day to see,
The sweet reward of love in thee.

An Act of Faith.

O my God, I believe in thee; do thou strengthen my faith.

An Act of Hope.

O my God, all my hopes are in thee; do thou secure them.

An Act of the Love of God.

O my God, I love thee with my whole heart ; teach me to love thee daily more and more.

An Act of Contrition.

O my God, I am sorry that I have offended thee ; do thou increase my sorrow.

Act of Adoration. -

O my God, I adore thee as my first beginning, I aspire after thee as my last end, I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor, I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Ejaculations.

O My God, teach me to love thee.

O my God, teach me to pray.

O my God, keep me from sin.

O my God, what wouldst thou have me do ?

O my God, I give thee my heart.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, be a mother to me.

Mother of Christ, I take you for my mother.

Mother of divine grace, make me your child.

Grace before Meat.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which of thy bounty we are about to receive : thro' Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace after Meat.

WE give thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy benefits : who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

VOUCHSAFE, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to render to all our benefactors life everlasting. *Amen.*

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R. Amen.*

ANGELUS DOMINI.

IN Catholic countries the church bell rings in the morning at six o'clock three times distinctly ; the same at twelve at noon, and in the evening ; but here in England, where no such token by a bell can be given, this devotion is recommended to be repeated morning, noon, and night.

At the first Peal, say,

1. The angel of the Lord declared

unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, &c. *as p. 7,*
At the second Peal, say,

2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
may it be done unto me according to
thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, &c. *as before.*
At the third Peal, say,

3. And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, &c. *as before.*

Let us pray.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O
Lord, thy grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the incarnation of
Christ thy Son was made known by
the message of an angel, may, by his
passion and cross, be brought to the
glory of his resurrection: thro' the
same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AT NIGHT.



IN the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

BLESSED be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c. *as pp. 6 & 7.*

I Confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, thro' my fault, thro' my fault, thro' my most grievous fault.

Beg the grace of the Holy Ghost to know your sins of this day, and to be heartily sorry for them.

O Divine Spirit of Truth, enlighten my mind, and bring to my remembrance the sins I have this day committed; and give me a true sorrow and contrition for them.

Pause a while, and endeavour to call to mind all your sins of this day. (*Here make a short reflection and examen of the past day.*)

Endeavour to be heartily sorry for your sins, and make the following

Act of Contrition.

O Merciful God ! I am sorry, from the bottom of my heart, for these and all my other sins. It grieves me that I have so offended thee. I implore thy clemency, and humbly hope to receive thy pardon. I offer to thee, in satisfaction for all my sins, of thought, word, and deed, and especially those I have committed this day, the sacred merits of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. I firmly purpose never more wilfully to offend thee. I resolve from this moment to endeavour to love and serve thee better than I have hitherto done. Confirm me in this good purpose, to the glory of thy holy name, and the eternal salvation of my soul.
Amen.

Commend yourself this night to the protection of Almighty God, our blessed Lady, holy St. Joseph, St. Michael, your angel Guardian, and all the holy angels and saints. Concluding say,

THEREFORE I beseech the blessed Mary ever a Virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed John

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Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to our Lord God for me.

May Almighty God ✝ have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. *Amen.*

May the almighty and merciful ✝ Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. *Amen.*

Antiphon.

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, and keep us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ and rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. Preserve us as the apple of thine eye.

R. And protect us under the shadow of thy wings.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night.

R. Without sin.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

V. Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord.

R. As we have put our trust in thee.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee. '.

V. Our Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and repel far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy angels dwell therein, to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us for ever: thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

V. Our Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Bless we our Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Conclusion.

MAY the souls of the faithful departed, thro' the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Blessing.

MAY the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

R. Amen.

20 *Prayer for Father and Mother.*

Going to Bed.

INTO thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit: Lord Jesus receive my soul.

Laying down to Rest.

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, I lay me down to rest: bless, defend, and preserve me, O Lord, from sudden and unprovided death and dangers, and bring me to everlasting life with thee. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Father and Mother.

O Just and merciful God! who visitest the iniquities of parents on their children to the third and fourth generation, and shewest mercy unto thousands of those that love thee and keep thy commandments: pour down thy blessings on my father and mother. Reward, I beseech thee, O Lord, all those labours and cares of which their tender solicitude for my welfare has been the occasion, by the remission of their sins, and deliverance from the punishments which may remain due to them. Endue

them with fortitude and patience to bear all the crosses and evils of this life, with an humble resignation to thy blessed will. Enrich their souls with thy heavenly grace, and make them fruitful in good works. May they, like the holy patriarchs, enjoy the blessing of a long, happy, and peaceable life, and find in their children the consolation and support of their old age; and may their children, through their wise counsel and good example, acquire the precious inheritance of thy fear; that both they and their offspring may be inseparably united in the enjoyment of thee in the mansions of everlasting happiness, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God world without end.
Amen.

The Hymn. Ave Maris Stella.

HAIL, thou resplendent star,
Which shinest o'er the main:
Blest Mother of our God,
And ever Virgin Queen.

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Hail happy gate of bliss,
Greeted by Gabriel's tongue :

Negotiate our peace,
And cancel *Heva's* wrong.

Loosen the sinner's bands,
All evil drive away ;

Bring light unto the blind,
And for all graces pray.

Exert the mother's care,
And us thy children own :

To him convey our prayer,
Who chose to be thy Son.

O pure, O spotless Maid,
Whose meekness doth excel ;

O make us chaste and mild,
And all our passions quell.

Preserve our lives unstain'd,
And guard us in our way :

Until we come with thee,
To joys that ne'er decay.

Praise to the Father be,
With Christ his only Son,

And to the Holy Ghost,
Thrice blessed Three in One.

R. Amen.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise
thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against my
enemies.

Let us pray.

DEFEND, we beseech thee, O Lord, by the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, this thy family from all adversity; and being prostrate before thee with a most profound humility of heart, mercifully protect us from the snares of our enemies. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

*The LITANY of the most holy Name of
JESUS.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Jesus, hear us.
 Jesus, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Jesus, Son of the living God,
 Jesus, splendor of the Father,
 Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
 Jesus, king of glory,

Have mercy, &c.

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Jesus, sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, Father of future ages,
Jesus, Angel of the great council,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous seeker of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, the way, the truth, and
the life,
Jesus, the joy of angels,
Jesus, king of patriarchs,

Have mercy upon us.

Litany of Jesus.

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Have mercy, &c.

Jesus, inspirer of the prophets,
Jesus, master of the apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, spouse of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,

Be merciful, *spare us, O Jesus.*

Be merciful, *hear us, O Jesus.*

From all evil, *deliver us, O Jesus.*

From all sin,

From thy wrath,

From the snares of the devil,

From the spirit of fornication,

From everlasting death,

From the neglect of thy holy inspira-
tions,

Thro' the mystery of thy holy in-
carnation,

Thro' thy nativity,

Thro' thy divine infancy,

Thro' thy most divine life,

Thro' thy labours and obedience,

Thro' thy agony and passion,

Thro' thy cross and dereliction,

Thro' thy unspeakable pains and
grief,

Deliver us, O Jesus.

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Thro' thy death and burial,
Thro' thy holy resurrection,
Thro' thy admirable ascension,
Thro' the coming of the Holy
Ghost the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,

Deliver, &c.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world, *spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world, *hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world, *have mercy upon
us, O Jesus.*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

V. May the name of the Lord be
blessed.

R. From henceforth, now and for
ever.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said,
*Ask and you shall receive; seek
and you shall find, knock and it shall be
open'd to you; grant, we beseech
thee, to us thy suppliants, the effect of
thy most divine love, that we may
love thee with all our hearts, in word
and deed, and never cease from prais-*

ing thee : who livest and reignest, &c.
Amen.

O God, who hast rendered the most glorious name of thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, most worthy to be loved with the highest affection by the faithful, and exceeding dreadful to evil spirits ; mercifully grant, that all who devoutly honour the sacred name of Jesus on earth, may receive in this life the sweetness of holy consolation, and obtain in the future the happiness of eternal joy and bliss. Thro' the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, &c.
Amen.

May the divine assistance always remain with us. *Amen.*

*The Litany and Prayers of the Saints,
recommended to be said in Catholic
Families every Evening.*

Antiphon.

***REMEMBER** not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents ; neither take thou vengeance of our sins.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy angels and archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,

St. John Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. James,

St. John,

Pray for us.

St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddee,
St. Mathias,
St. Barnabas,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs;
St. Silvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerom,
St. Martin,

Pray for us.

St. Nicholas,
 All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
 All ye holy Doctors,
 St. Antony,
 St. Bennet,
 St. Bernard,
 St. Dominic,
 St. Francis,
 All ye holy Priests and Levites,
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Agatha,
 St. Lucy,
 St. Agnes,
 St. Cecily,
 St. Catharine,
 St. Anastasia,
 All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
 All ye holy men and women, Saints of
 God, *Make intercession for us.*
 Be merciful to us, *Spare us, O Lord.*
 Be merciful to us, *Graciously hear us,*
O Lord.
 From all evil,
 From all sin,
 From thy wrath,
 From sudden and unprovided death,
 From the deceits of the devil,

*Pray for us.**O Lord, &c.*

From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Thro' the mystery of thy holy incarnation,

O Lord, deliver us.

Thro' thy coming,
Thro' thy nativity,
Thro' thy divine infancy,
Thro' thy baptism and holy fasting,
Thro' thy cross and passion,
Thro' thy death and burial,
Thro' thy holy resurrection,
Thro' thy admirable ascension,
Thro' the coming of the Holy Ghost
the Comforter,

In the day of judgment,
We sinners, *Beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou spare us,
That thou pardon us,
That thou vouchsafe to bring us to
true penance,

That thou vouchsafe to govern and
preserve thy holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to preserve our
Apostolic Prelate, and all eccle-
siastical orders in holy religion,

We beseech thee, &c.

That thou vouchsafe to humble the
enemies of thy holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace
and true concord to christian
kings and princes,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace
and unity to all christian people,

That thou vouchsafe to comfort and
keep us in thy holy service,

That thou lift up our minds to hea-
venly desires, .

That thou render eternal good things
to our benefactors,

That thou deliver our souls, and
those of our brethren, relations,
and benefactors, from eternal dam-
nation,

That thou vouchsafe to give and
preserve the fruits of the earth,

That thou vouchsafe to grant eternal
rest to all the faithful departed,

That thou vouchsafe graciously to
hear us,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*

We beseech thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c. *secretly.*

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Psalm lxix.

COME to my assistance, O God : O
Lord make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed
that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and
blush for shame, that desire evils to
me.

Let them be presently turned away,
blushing for shame, that say to me :
'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be
glad in thee ; and let such as love thy
salvation say always : The Lord be
magnified.

But I am needy and poor, O God
help me.

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Thou art my helper and my deliverer ; O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

V. Save thy servants.

R. Trusting in thee, O my God.

V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the Son of iniquity have power to hurt us.

V. O Lord deal not with us according to our sins.

R. Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief Bishop N.

R. Our Lord preserve him, and give him life ; and make him blessed on earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to render eternal life to all those who do us good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God; whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our petition; that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy supplicants.

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and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee, that of thy bounty thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

OUT of thy clemency, O Lord, shew us thy unspeakable mercy, that so thou mayest both acquit us of our sins, and deliver us from the punishment we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who make supplication to thee: and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O Almighty and eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N our chief Bishop, and direct him according to thy clemency in the way of everlasting salvation, that, by thy grace, he may desire such things as are agreeable to thy will, and perform them with all his strength.

O God; from whom are all holy desires, righteous counsels, and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of

enemies taken away, the times, thro' thy protection, may be peaceable.

IN flame, O Lord, pur reins and hearts with the fire of thy holy Spirit, that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed, remission of all their sins, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

PRevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O Almighty and eternal God ! who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all those whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works ; we humbly beseech thee that they, for whom we have purposed to offer up our prayers, whether this present world retains

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them in the flesh, or the next world has received them out of their bodies, may, by the intercession of thy saints, and the clemency of thy goodness, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins, thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who lives and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer of St. Bernard.

Remember, O most holy Virgin Mary, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your mediation, without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, behold me, a penitent sinner, sighing out my sins before you, beseeching you to adopt me for your son, and to take upon you the care of my eternal salvation.

Despise not, O Mother of Jesus, my humble petition, but grant my prayer.

THE LITANY OF OUR BLESSED LADY OF LORETTO:

So called, because it is usually sung in the sacred Church of Loretto on all Saturdays, and Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Anthem.

WE fly to thy patronage, O sacred Mother of God, despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

} *Pray for us.*

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Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother undefiled,
Mother untouched,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of Wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,

Pray for us.

Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,

Pray for us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy upon us.*

Anthem.

WE fly to thy patronage, O sacred Mother of God, despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

POUR forth we beseech thee, &c.
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V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Instructions for hearing Mass.

NO wandering thoughts must accompany you to the chapel; you must imagine yourself really going to behold the different sufferings of Jesus Christ your Redeemer, who, though now veiled from our natural sight in the mysterious appearance of the holy sacrament of the altar, will one day come in his real splendor to be our Judge; therefore approach with awful respect, and let no dis-

traction separate your thoughts from him whose life was meant as a pattern for yours, and without whose coming upon earth, and suffering for your sins, you inevitably must have perished. Therefore,

When you go into the church, say,

“O Lord, in the multitude of thy mercies I will enter thy house, and adore thee in thy holy temple, and confess to thy name.”

When you take holy water, making the sign of the cross ✝ on yourself, say,

“Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”

Then advancing further into the chapel, if the blessed sacrament is exposed, kneel on both your knees and bless yourself; but if it is not exposed, kneeling on one knee only, and blessing yourself, will be sufficient; also every time you pass the altar, make a low reverence; then with a mind and heart elevated to so supreme and good a God, proceed with the following prayers.

Jesus enters the Garden.

When the Priest goes to the Altar, say,

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, when thy passion drew near, didst for me, a wretched sinner, fear and grow sad: grant that I may ever direct all my sorrows unto thee; that by the merit of thy sufferings, I may be favoured. *Amen.*

Jesus prays in the Garden.*When the Priest begins Mass.*

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who being in prayer suffered thyself to be comforted by an angel; grant me, by the virtue of thy prayer, that when I pray, thy holy angel may assist and comfort me.
Amen.

Jesus falls on his Face.*At the Confiteor.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who praying in the Garden, and being in an agony, didst miraculously sweat blood: grant, that astonished with the remembrance of thy bitter passion, and taste of thy divine sweetness, I may have a hearty sorrow, and shed tears for my offences in thy presence. *Amen.*

Jesus betrayed with a Kiss.



When the Priest kisses the Altar.

LORD Jesus Christ, who suffered Judas to betray thee with a kiss : grant that I may never betray thee in my neighbour or myself, nor ever return ought unto my enemies, but the offices of love and charity. *Amen.*

Jesus is led Captive.

*When the Priest goes to the Epistle Side
of the Altar.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who suffered
thyself to be bound by wicked
men: loosen, I beseech thee, the chains
of my sins, and tie me with the bands
of charity and love of thy command-
ments, that neither the members of
my body, nor powers of my soul, may
ever incline to ought but thy will be
done. *Amen.*

Jesus is struck on the Face.*At the Introit.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who suffered thyself to be brought bound to Annas as a malefactor, by an armed band of wicked persons, give me grace, that by no malignant spirit or bad men I may ever be drawn to sin: but by thy good spirit led to the fulfilling of thy divine will. *Amen.*

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Jesus denied by Peter.



At the Kyrie Eleison,

LORD Jesus Christ, who suffered thyself to be thrice denied by the first of thy apostles in the house of Caiphaz : preserve me, I beseech thee, from ill company, that mortal sin may never divide me from thee. *Amen.*

With a Look Peter is converted.



At the Dominus vobiscum.

LORD Jesus Christ, who mercifully looking back on Peter, causedst him bitterly to weep out his offences: look on me, I beseech thee, with the eye of thy pity, that I may be able, with tears, fully to unveil my sins in thy presence, and neither in word or deed ever deny thee; my Lord and my God. *Amen.*

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Jesus is led to Pilate.*At the Epistle.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who sufferedst thyself to be brought to Pilate, and before him falsely accused: teach me to avoid the fallacies of the wicked, and possess thy faith truly by good works. *Amen.*

Jesus is brought to Herod.



At Munda Cor Meum.

LORD Jesus Christ, who before Herod didst, for my sake, suffer the false accusation of crimes against thee, without returning the least word to justify thyself: grant that I may never be troubled at the injuries of the wicked, nor impart thy sacred mysteries to the unworthy. *Amen.*

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Jesus is scoffed and sent back to Pilate.



At the Gospel.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for me, suffered thyself to be again sent back by Pilate to Herod, and by this means accomplished a reconciliation between them: grant me not to fear the conspiracies of depraved persons; but to profit in being exercised by them, that I may merit confirmation in thee. *Amen.*

Jesus is crowned with Thorns.*At the covering of the Chalice.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who suffered thyself to be spoiled of thy garment, and stripped naked and scourged for my sake; grant me, by a naked confession of my sins, to put off the old man with all his acts, and never to appear bare of virtue in thy sight. *Amen.*

Jesus is Scourged.*At the Offertory.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for me, sufferedst thyself to be bound unto a pillar, and there cruelly whipped; give me grace willingly to admit the rods of thy paternal correction, and never more to scourge thee by my transgressions. *Amen.*

Jesus crowned with Thorns.*At the Covering of the Chalice.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for my sake, suffered thyself to be cruelly crowned with thorns; pierce me so thoroughly with submission to the thorns of penance, that I may be crowned by thee in heaven. *Amen.*

Pilate washes his Hands.



*When the Priest washes the Tops of
his Fingers.*

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, though pronounced innocent by the president Pilate, didst yet hear the wicked acclamations of the Jews, unmoved; grant that I may live innocently, and that the malice of others may not trouble me. *Amen.*

Pilate says to the Jews, Behold the man.



At Orate Frutres.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for me, sufferedst thyself to be shewn unto the Jews, with the ensigns of their mockery on thee; give me grace to fly the ostentation of vain glory; and in the last judgment appear clad in the same mystical ensigns before thy tribunal. *Amen.*

Jesus is condemned to die.



At thé Preface.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, though truly innocent, must yet, for my sáke, vouchsafe to receive the sentence of death, even the death of the cross: make me, for thy love, not to fear the sentence of the most cruel death the perverted judgments of men can pronounce against me, nor let me ever judge perversely of others. *Amen.*

Jesus bears his Cross.*At the Memento for the Living.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for me, didst bear on thy own shoulders thy cross; make me eagerly embrace the cross of mortification, and, for the love of thee, bear it daily after thee. *Amen.*

Veronica offers Jesus a Towel.

*When the Priest holds his Hands over
the Chalice.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, in that miserable journey wherein thou travelledst to thy torture, didst so lovingly admonish the women that wept over thee, to mourn for themselves; give me such tears of pity and pious love as thou wilt accept from me, that with them I may wash away my sins.
Amen.

Jesus is nailed to the Cross.*When the Priest signs the Oblation.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who sufferedst thyself, for my sake, to be nailed to the cross, and to the same didst fasten the hand writing of sin and death that was against me : infuse, I beseech thee, into my soul thy holy fear ; that firmly adhering to thy precepts, I may in spirit for ever be fastened with thee to the cross. *Amen.*

The Cross is advanced.



At the Elevation of the Host.

LORD Jesus Christ, who sufferedst thyself to be advanced on the cross, and in that sense exalted from the earth for my sake: exalt my soul, I beseech thee, above all earthly affections, that I may always live with thee in heaven. *Amen.*

Jesus's Blood flows from his Wounds.



At the Elevation of the Chalice.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, from thy saying wounds madest the fountain of thy grace flow to us; grant that so often as wicked desires, or perverse affections trouble me, I may have recourse at once unto thy wounds, and from them draw my consolation. *Amen.*

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Jesus prays for the World.*At the Memento for the Dead.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, hanging on the cross, didst implore thy heavenly Father for mercy on all mankind, even thy crucifiers themselves; give me, I beseech thee, the grace of thy sweetness and patience, that, according to thy word and example, I may love mine enemies, and do good to those that hate me. *Amen.*

The Conversion of the Thief.

At the Nobis quoque Peccatoribus.

ORD Jesus Christ, who didst so liberally promise heaven to the thief, that humbly acknowledged his justice: behold me, I beseech thee, with the same eyes of mercy, that at the conclusion of my life, I may merit to hear from thee, my most pious Rememer, that so desired voice, *This day wilt thou be with me in paradise.* Amen.

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Seven Words of Jesus on the Cross.*At the Pater noster.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, on the cross, didst commend thy mother to thy beloved disciple, and him again to her; I commend myself and all I have unto thee, with the same faith and love thou didst commend them to each other; that for the pledges of so great affection, thou mayest grant me an intimacy of love with thee, and, by their intercession, preserve it amidst the dangers and troubles of this life.
Amen.

Jesus dies on the Cross.*At the Breaking of the Host.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for my sake, dying on the cross, didst commend thy soul unto thy Father: grant that in this life I may so spiritually die with thee, that in the hour of my death thou mayest vouchsafe to have this wretched soul of mine commended unto thee: who livest and reignest God, world without end.
Amen. E 3

The Soul of Jesus descended into Hell.

*When the Priest puts Part of the Host
into the Chalice.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who after thy complete victory over the power of the devil, didst descend into Limbo, and deliveredst thence the souls of the Fathers, till then detained there; extend, I beseech thee, the virtue of thy most precious blood and passion unto the faithful in purgatory; that so absolved from their sins, they may come to thy eternal joys. *Amen.*

*The Conversion of many present at the
Cross.*



At the Agnus Dei.

LORD Jesus Christ, at whose patience in torments, and blessed death, many beating their breasts, lamented their offences : grant me, by thy bitter passion and death, grace with my whole heart to grieve for my sins, and never to offend thee more. *Amen.*

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Jesus is Buried.*At the Communion.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who sufferedst thyself, for my sake, to be buried in a new monument: give me, for thou art my God, a new heart, that buried with thee, I may happily participate in the glory of thy resurrection. *Amen.*

Jesus is Anointed.*At the Ablution.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who for me, miserable sinner, sufferedst thyself to be, by Joseph and Nicodemus, embalmed with spices, and wrapped in white linen; grant me worthily to receive from thy holy altar, thy true and living body in the Eucharist, to repose it among the spices of thy virtues, and for ever conserve it in a clean heart and body. *Amen.*

Jesus's Resurrection.*After Communion.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst thro' thy sepulchre, shut and sealed, rise in a noble triumph from the dead: grant that, arising from the old bondage of sin, I may walk in newness of life; that when thou, who art my life, shalt appear, I also may appear with thee in glory. *Amen.*

Jesus appears to his Disciples.*At Dominus vobiscum.*

LORD Jesus Christ, who, after thy resurrection, didst gladden thy beloved Mother and Disciples with the most joyful sight of thy glorious body : mercifully grant me this grace, that if not in this mortal life, yet at last in thy glorious kingdom, I may contemplate and rejoice in thee for ever. *Amen.*

*Jesus converses forty Days with his
Disciples.*



At the last Collect.

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst vouchsafe, after thy resurrection, to converse forty days with thy Disciples, and instruct them in all thy mysteries of faith: teach me, I beseech thee, to live according to thy doctrine, and never to swerve in the least from thy will. *Amen,*

Jesus ascends into Heaven.



At the last Dominus vobiscum.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, after the term of forty days, didst ascend gloriously into heaven in the sight of thy disciples: oh! that my heart might, for thy love, loathe all earthly things, attend only unto eternal, and pant, hunger and thirst, after thee. *Amen.*

At the Descending of the Holy Ghost.



The Blessing.

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon thy disciples, whilst they continued in prayer : cleanse, I beseech thee, my heart, that the same Holy Ghost having found an agreeable dwelling in my soul, I may, with the manifold gifts of thy graces, be everlastingly comforted. *Amen.*

The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was JOHN. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to be made children of God, to those that

believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us* (and we saw his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) *full of grace and truth.* —Thanks be to God.

After which say,

O Eternal Word, speak to my soul, which adores thee in a profound silence. Thou art the great Creator of all things; abandon not, I beseech thee, thy own creature: be thou my life, my light, and my all.

O Light eternal, enlighten me as to this present life, and in the life to come.

Reign in me as in thine own inheritance: for thou, O Lord, hast made me; thou hast redeemed me; may I be ever thine.

I have sinned too much against heaven and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy son.

Thou God incarnate have pity on my frail and mortal flesh, and grant it may one day see what it here adores below. —

Prayers after Mass.

I RENDER thee all possible praise and thanks, O Sovereign Creator, for the favour I have this day received of thy bounty, and of which many better deserving Christians are deprived. Receive, O Lord, my unworthy prayers, supply all my defects, pardon all my distractions and indevotions, and grant, that by the strength and virtue of those divine mysteries, I may go on chéerfully in the path of thy commandments, love and service, amidst all the temptations, troubles and dangers of my life's pilgrimage; till I shall one day happily arrive at thy heavenly kingdom, where, with thy blessed angels and saints, I shall more clearly contemplate thee, more perfectly enjoy thee, and more understandingly celebrate thy infinite goodness and mercy, with uninterrupted canticles of eternal praise, admiration, and gratitude. *Amen.*

Happy are they who dwell in thy

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house, O Lord; for ever and ever they will praise thee.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive honour, glory, and power.

Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy is everlasting.

Who shall relate the wonders of the Lord? who shall publish all his praises?

Psalm cl.

PRAISE ye the Lord in his holy places: praise ye him in the firmament of his power.

Praise ye him for his mighty acts: praise ye him according to the multitude of his greatness.

Praise him with sound of trumpet: praise him with psaltery and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and choir: praise him with strings and organs.

Praise him on high sounding cymbals: praise him on cymbals of joy: let every spirit praise the Lord.

*Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.
I believe in God, &c.*

At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, or when we visit it.

WHAT we call the Benediction, is a devotion practised by the Church, in order to give adoration, praise, and blessing, or benediction, to God, for His infinite goodness and love, testified to us in the institution of the Blessed Sacrament, and to receive at the same time the benediction or blessing of our Lord there present.

When the blessed Sacrament is taken out of the tabernacle, and set up to be seen by the people, the choir sings, O salutaris Hostia.

O Saving Victim, which openest the gates of heaven; lo, the wars of our enemies press upon us; do thou give us strength and aid. To the great Lord, who is three in one, be everlasting glory. Oh! may he grant us life without end, in our heavenly country. *Amen.*



DURING BENEDICTION

Some psalm or pious metre is usually sung, according to the order of superiors, or discretion of the officiant, or exigence of the times, such as Ps. xix. Exaudiat, for the King; Ps. xiv. Deus noster refugium, for peace; Psalm xix. Qui habitat, in-time of tribulation; the Litany of Jesus—of the B. V. Mary; the Te Deum, in public thanksgiving; Psalm l. the Miserere, &c. Then follows the hymn of the B. Sacrament, Pange lingua, or at least the latter part of it, Tantum ergo.

The HYMN. Pange lingua.

Sing, O my tongue, adore and praise
The depth of God's mysterious
ways,

How Christ, the world's great King,
bestow'd

His flesh conceal'd in human food,
And left mankind the blood that paid
The ransom for the souls he made.

Given from above, and born for man,
From Virgin's womb his life began :
He liv'd on earth, and preach'd to sow
The seeds of heav'nly truth below ;

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Then seal'd his mission from above
With strange effects of pow'r and love.

'Twas on that ev'ning, when the last
And most mysterious supper past;
When Christ with his disciples sat,
To close the law with legal meat;
Then to the twelve himself bestow'd
With his own hands to be their food.

The Word made flesh, for love of man,
His word turns bread to flesh again;
And wine to blood, unseen by sense,
By virtue of omnipotence:
And here the faithful rest secure,
Whilst God can vouch, and faith insure.

Tantum ergo.

TO this mysterious table now,
Our knees, our hearts, and sense
we bow:

Let ancient rites resign their place
To nobler elements of grace;
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.

To God the Father, born of none,
To Christ his co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
From both proceed, be equal praise:
One honour, jubilee and fame,
For ever bless his glorious name. *Amen.*

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. *Alleluia.*

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. *Alleluia.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Lord, save the King.

R. And hear us in the day we call upon thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast left us in this wonderful sacrament a perpetual memorial of thy passion; grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may continually find in our souls the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest, &c.

Defend, we beseech thee, O Lord, by the intercession of blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, this thy family from all adversity; and being prostrate before thee with our whole heart, protect us in thy mercy from the snares of our enemies: thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech thee, Almighty God,

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that thy servant N. our king, who by thy mercy has undertaken the government of this realm, may also receive an increase of all virtues; with which being adorned, he may both avoid the monster of sin, and being pleasing in thy sight, come at length to thee, who art the way, the truth, and the life: thro' Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When the Priest gives the benediction with the blessed Sacrament, kneel down and profoundly adore your Saviour there present: give him thanks for all his mercies, offer your whole self to him, to be his for ever, and earnestly beg his blessing upon you and yours, and upon his whole church, saying thus:

HAIL true body, born of the blessed Virgin Mary, which truly sufferedst, and wast immolated upon the cross for man, whose side being pierced sent forth true blood; O grant that I may worthily receive thee at the hour of my death. O most clement, O most gracious, O most sweet Saviour Jesus, Son of the eternal God, and of the ever blessed Virgin, have mercy on me.

METHOD OF SERVING AT MASS.

LET the two acolytes, or persons who are to assist the Priest, (if at High Mass) each take a lighted taper, and going out of the sacristy, with their eyes cast downwards, proceed with decency to the middle of the altar, where they must both together kneel down on the lowermost step, and make a reverence before the blessed Sacrament, if kept there, or in presence of the crucifix, as an humble offering of themselves for the honourable office they are just going to be employed in: they must ever remember that they represent the whole people, for whom they answer; for which purpose, their minds should be employed in meditation and prayer, which they should have prepared beforehand, that thus their offering may be made welcome in the sight of God, by the purity of intention in the offerers.

From the lowermost step, let them with decency ascend to the middle of the altar, and, with a low reverence, kneel again, and then rising, with a reve-

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rence first before the blessed Sacrament, make the same to each other, and proceed to light the furthest candle from the tabernacle, and so on till they have lighted that which is next to it. After blowing out the taper, again kneel, and make a like reverence, then rising together, proceed to the lowermost step, and there kneeling make a fresh reverence, which having done, rise, and bowing to each other, return back to the sacristy, one following the other.

What is here said of two persons, must as much as possible be attended to where only one serves the priest; and where the blessed Sacrament is kept, ALL who enter the chapel or oratory must make a reverence, and with one knee touch the ground; but when it is exposed, the reverence must be made kneeling on both knees, or the party is guilty of very great disrespect. This instruction, it is hoped, will prevent those indecencies which have been too frequently observed in persons who attend the altar, and frequent our chapels.

On those days when the blessed Sacrament is exposed, the priest is preceded

by the censor, who goes before the acolytes, and presents him with incense in a spoon when he returns from taking the expository out of the tabernacle; and again the same after his return from placing it on the throne, the censor and acolytes making their reverences as the priest does. All who are present should avoid sitting, unless there be a veil or skreen placed before the blessed Sacrament, which is done in Catholic countries whilst delivering an exhortation or sermon; but the congregation are by no means allowed to sit at all times, which would shew a great disrespect, unless age or infirmities required it.

When the Asperges is given, the censor and acolytes proceed in like manner before the priest to the altar, without the thurible and candles, through the congregation, the censor clearing the way, one acolyte carrying the vessel of blessed water, and the other following to prevent the congregation pressing too much on the priest.

When they go out from the sacristy to assist at mass, they proceed before the priest in like manner, and standing

back for him to pass, kneel down below the third step on each side of him, and the censor behind making another reverence, whilst the priest ascends to place the chalice on the altar. At his return, having placed himself at the foot of the lower step, and between the acolytes, making a reverence, he begins Mass, which they will answer as follows :

Pr. ✠ **I**N nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Introibo ad altare Dei.

Cl. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

Pr. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

Cl. Quia tu es Deus fortitudo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus.

Pr. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

Cl. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

Pr. Confitebor tibi, in cithara,
Deus, Deus meus, quare tristis es ani-
ma mea, et quare conturbas me?

Cl. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc
confitebor illi, salutare vultus mei, et
Deus meus.

Pr. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiri-
tui Sancto.

Cl. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum.
Amen.

Pr. Introibo ad altare Dei.

Cl. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juven-
tutem meam.

Pr. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine
Domine.

Cl. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

Pr. Confiteor Deo, &c.

Bow the head when the priest begins
this, and continue bent till you have finish-
ed the Confiteor.

Cl. Misereatur tui omnipotens De-
us, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducatur
te ad vitam æternam.

Pr. *Amen.*

Cl. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti,
beatae Mariæ semper Virgini, beato
Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni

Baptistæ, sanctis apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi Pater: (*Here turn your head towards the priest, and then go on*) quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere: (*striking your breast thrice, say,*) mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa: ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaellem archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te Pater, (*Here turn again towards the priest*) orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

Pr. Misereatur vestri, &c.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, &c.

Cl. Amen.

Bow the head till you come to*.

Pr. Deus tu conversus vivificabis nos.

Cl. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

Pr. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

Cl. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

Pr. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Cl. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

* Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

While the priest is ascending to the altar, take care the alb or cassock does not get under his feet, and here you may rise to kneel on the lowermost step of the altar.

N. B. In solemn Masses, the priest is here served with the censer, and the assistant holds the book off the altar whilst he incenses it; and then the deacon, receiving the censer, incenses the priest.

Pr. Kyrie eleison.

Cl. Kyrie eleison.

Pr. Kyrie eleison.

Cl. Christe eleison.

Pr. Christe eleison.

Cl. Christe eleison.

Pr. Kyrie eleison.

Cl. Kyrie eleison.

Pr. Kyrie eleison.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum : or, Flectamus genua.

Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo : or, Levate.

Pr. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

Cl. Amen.

At the end of the Epistle say, *Deo gratias*, and rise to be ready after the Gradual and Alleluia, or Tract being read, to remove the

book to the gospel side of the altar, and there placing it turned a little toward the middle, return to the opposite or epistle side; kneel, and make a low reverence as you pass the middle of the altar; then stand up in your place whilst the Gospel is read.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Pr. Sequentia sancti Evangelii, &c.

Here make the sign of the cross: 1. Upon your forehead. 2. Upon your mouth. 3. Upon your breast; and say, *Gloria tibi, Domine.*

In solemn Masses, the censer is given to the priest or deacon to incense the book, and also after the Gospel, to incense the priest, if there be a deacon, or the assistant does it himself.

At the end of the Gospel, say,

Cl. Laus tibi, Christe.

At the word in the Creed, *Et incarnatus*, &c. kneel, make a reverence, and hold up the vestment, to prevent it getting under his feet.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Going to the middle of the altar, kneel, and make a reverence, then proceed to the credence table, and prepare the wine and water in two cruets, taking the wine in the right, and the water in the left hand, pre-

sent the wine with your right hand, and receive it again with your left, that you may present the water cruet with your right, making a reverence to the priest before and after. This done, put the towel neatly folded on the end of the altar, unless one be pinned to it. Then holding the cruet in your right hand, and the plate with your left, pour water on the tip of the priest's fingers; then placing the cruets in their former situation, and having received back the towel, return to your place on the epistle side of the altar, after having knelt and made a reverence in the middle as you did before.

The priest in solemn Masses is served with the censer in like manner as at first, and the deacon receiving the censer from the priest, incenses first the priest, then the choir, and then the sub-deacon. After which the assistant receiving the censer, incenses the deacon, then the acolytes, and lastly the congregation.

The priest, with his face to the people, says,

P. Orate Fratres, &c.

When the priest is turning again to the altar, answer,

C. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque

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nostram, totiusquē ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum,

C. *Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum,

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sursum corda.

C. Habemus ad Dominum.

P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

C. Dignum et iustum est.

When the priest says, *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, &c.* ring the bell each time he pronounces it, and then proceed to light the elevation candles, if any.

When the priest spreads his hands over the chalice, ring the bell, and then proceed to the centre of the altar, where kneeling whilst the priest elevates the host and chalice, ring the bell with your right, and hold up the vestment with your left hand, and one of the assistants must incense during the elevation of both; then return to your former place, and as often as you pass before the blessed Sacrament, adore on your knees.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. *Amen.*

P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem:

C. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

When the Priest says, *Domine non sum dignus*, with your head bent, ring the bell at each time he pronounces those words, and when you see the priest has received the chalice, if there be any to communicate, give them the cloth, and returning to your place; give notice to all others to retire, and make room for those by ringing the bell once; and then kneeling at the epistle end of the altar, say the *Confiteor*, &c. hold a lighted taper in your hand, and when the priest says, *Domine, non sum dignus*, ring the bell each time, and then proceed before him, and kneel, if there be two of you, on each side, or, if only one, on his left hand, whilst he administers this most holy sacrament, removing and kneeling as he communicates each person; then returning to your place, put out the candles, when you see the Blessed Sacrament is put by in the tabernacle, paying the usual respect in the centre of the altar; go to the credence-table, take the wine in your right, and water in your left hand, and with your right serve him with the wine only; then retire a

little back to make way for the priest to come nearer the end of the altar with the chalice, holding his fore-fingers and thumbs over it. Pour first the wine, then the water over them, till he makes a motion for you to stop; then putting the cruets in their former places, proceed to the centre of the altar, kneel, and make your reverence. Remove the book from the gospel side to the epistle side of the altar, put out the elevation candles, retire to the gospel side, as you pass make a like reverence as before in the middle of the altar, and kneel in your place.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. *Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. *Ite missa est; or Benedicamus Domino.*

C. Deo gratias.

Note, in Mass for the Dead, the priest says,

P. Requiescant in pace.

C. *Amen.*

Remove the book, if left open; kneel in the centre of the altar, and take the priest's blessing.

P. Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

C. Amen.

Then rise.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo:

P. Initium: or Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, &c.

C. Gloria tibi Domine.

At the end of the Gospel, say,

Deo gratias.

After Mass benediction is given, when the blessed Sacrament is exposed, and the priest is to be served with the censer, &c. as before Mass. It is also customary in some chapels for the priest, when he comes down from the altar, before he returns to the sacristy, to repeat the Psalm **DE PROFUNDIS**, &c. for the souls of some of his flock, benefactors, or a more general intention.

DE profundis clamavi ad te Domine: Domine exaudi vocem meam.

C. Fiant aures tuæ intendentes: in vocem deprecationis meæ.

P. Si iniquitates observaveris Domine: Domine quis sustinebit?

C. Quia apud te propitiatio est:

et propter legem tuam sustinui te Domine.

P. Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus : speravit anima mea in Domino.

C. A custodia matutina usque ad noctem : speret Israel in Domino.

P. Quia apud Dominum misericordia : et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

C. Et ipse redimet Israel ; ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

P. Requiem æternam dona eis Domine.

C. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

P. A porta inferi.

C. Erue Domine animas eorum.

P. Requiescant in pace.

C. *Amen.*

P. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

At the end of the prayers, say,

C. *Amen.*

P. Requiem æternam dona eis Domine.

C. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

P. Requiescant in pace.

Amen.

Proceed then before the priest to open the door of the sacristy for him to enter, and kneeling take his blessing as he passes; then with the extinguisher in your hands, with the like respect as paid at lighting, put out the candles, and if no other mass is to be said in the chapel that day, put away the vestments, &c. But it must be remembered, no one should touch the *sacred vessels* without permission, such as the *altar-stone, chalice, paten*, and all other things which are consecrated by a bishop, nor the *corporal, purificator*, &c. because of their use about the blessed sacrament, unless in cases of urgent necessity, where no priest can be had; and then with a far greater respect than you would remove any other thing belonging to the altar. And it may not be amiss to hint here at the respect due to relics of saints, which, as they frequently fall in the way of the laity are, when properly authenticated by being sealed and a testimonial corresponding thereto, to be treated with respect, and the seal or case by no means to be broken, or the relics which they contain touched by the laity, but in like urgent necessity, as they are sacred; and even where no testimonial is with them, but that they are supposed the relics of some holy persons, a respect also is necessary, as far as it relates to the ho-

nour paid to God in his saints. This also is to be remembered of the *holy oils, pix, &c.* which cannot be touched by the laity, without permission of the bishop, or a priest lawfully appointed.

*To Parents who are remote from a
Chapel.*

IT frequently happens that a parent living at a great distance from any chapel, can but seldom have an opportunity of taking a child to hear Mass; but on this and every other occasion of absence, they would do well to make a child sensible, that by repeating the prayers used in time of that holy sacrifice, and desiring to be present in spirit, their devotion being without interruption, they certainly will be permitted by Almighty God to share all the benefit it affords; for this is the constant belief of the Catholic Church, where the occasion of absence is not wilful; and the following psalm, or such a part as the child is capable of learning, may not be improper to be said before the prayers at Mass on such occasions, or before

Mass in the chapel, if they have time for it.

Psalm lxxxiii.

HOW lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts ! my soul has a desire and longing to enter into the house of our Lord.

My heart and flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her abode, and the turtle a nest for her young.

Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts ! are the place of my rest, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord : they shall praise thee for ever.

Look on us, O God, our Protector, and have regard to the face of thy Christ.

For one day in thy house is better than a thousand here.

It is better to be the least in the house of my God, than to dwell in the company of sinners.

As the hart pants after the fountains of waters ; so my soul sighs after thee, my God,

My soul thirsts after the God of strength and life: when shall I come and appear in the presence of my God?

I have wept day and night: because they insult daily over me, and say, Where is thy God?

This came to my mind, and I poured forth my soul in grief: because I desire to go to thy wonderful tabernacle, even to the house of God.

Hope then in thy God, for I will still sing praise to him; for he is my Saviour and my God.

R. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

V. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Also parents should instruct their children to offer up the holy sacrifice for the dead, by saying, after Mass, for some friend, benefactor, or the faithful in general.

Psalm cxxix.

FROM the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord; Lord hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

If thou wilt observe iniquities, O Lord; Lord, who shall sustain it?

Because with thee there is propitiation; and because of thy law I have expected thee, O Lord.

My soul hath expected in his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine unto them.

Prayer for the Dead.

O God, whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, be favourably propitious to the souls of thy servants (*name those whom you would pray for*), and grant them the remission of all their sins; that being deliver'd from the bonds of this mortal life, they may be admitted to life.

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everlasting: Through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

Prayer for the King.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, that thy servant George our King, who through thy mercy hath the government of this realm committed to him, may likewise receive the increase of all virtues, wherewith being adorned, he may avoid the enormity of sin, and being rendered acceptable in thy sight, come at length to thee, who art the way, the truth, and the life; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

V. O Lord, save George our King.

R. And hear us in the day that we call upon thee.

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TAKE time to examine your conscience before confession. Call on the Holy Spirit in the following prayer to assist you, and beg the grace

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of God to know your sins; and be heartily sorry for them.

O Divine Spirit of Truth, illuminate our minds, and bring to our remembrance all the sins we have this day committed, and give to us a true sorrow and contrition for them.

Then proceed to the examination. Remember that the priest holds the place of Jesus Christ; present yourself, therefore, at the confessional with the utmost recollection and humility, on your knees, and your eyes cast downwards, as a criminal before his judge, yet with confidence and sincerity, like the sick who discover their disorders to their physician, and as children who speak to a tender and compassionate father.—When the confessor makes the sign of the cross, then with great respect ask his blessing in a low but distinct voice, saying thus : “ Pray, father, give me your blessing, for I have sinned.” Then say the Confiteor as in *page 8*. It was (so long) since I came to confession, since which I accuse myself, &c.

*Examination of Conscience in Form of
Accusation.*

I Accuse myself of failing through negligence or forgetfulness to perform the whole of the penance imposed on me ;—neglected instructions and catechisms ;—went to school against my will ;—came late through my own fault, or played truant ;—lost my time in laughing, talking, and playing ;—hindered others from improving ;—turned my thoughts to other things, when I should have listened to instruction ;—not learnt my lessons or catechisms, or learnt them badly, or out of vanity, and not from the pure desire of knowing God and my duty. —Not loved prayer, and sometimes omitted it morning or evening ;—prayed to God out of mere custom, or because obliged ;—prayed hastily, in a disrespectful posture, looking about me, without devotion, or sincerely desiring to obtain what I prayed for, or even reflecting that I was speaking to God.—Wanted reverence in chapel,—laughed, and scandalized others,—spoke there without necessi-

ty,—ran or made a noise in the chapel, or at the door, or have slept during divine service.—Profaned Sundays and Festivals, employing great part of them in amusements;—not sanctifying those days of grace and salvation by religious employments, or performed them badly.—Have taken the holy name of God in vain, or irreverently;—sworn falsely, or without necessity;—not offered up my actions to God, or done them with intention to please him;—passed in this manner whole days and weeks, without doing any thing for God and my salvation, or without making any sincere acts of the love of him; nor desired to belong to God, and to serve him;—not been grateful for his blessings;—not feared to displease him, but exposed myself to the danger of offending him;—not been sorry for my sins, or laboured to correct my bad habits, or made endeavours to advance in piety;—grown daily more careless in labouring for my salvation;—been unwilling to go to confession;—used idle excuses for staying from it;—neglected to read

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good books, and not taken sufficient pains for worthily receiving the blessed Sacrament;—not put all my confidence in the grace and mercy of God, but endeavoured through my own strength alone to fulfil my duties;—not been submissive to the will of God, or borne sickness or crosses with patience, and as the punishment of my sins.—Been selfish; loved only myself; studied only my own interest, and been attentive only to gratify my own inclinations.—Been proud; fond of pleasure and dress, and of being admired.—Been passionate, and cried with vexation when humbled, despised, or contradicted.—Been obstinate, disobeyed my parents, or those who have authority over me, or are charged with my education; and when forced to obey, have done it against my will;—made insolent answers, and not respected, but spoken ill of them, and despised their advice.—Have sometimes been insupportable by my ill humours—sour in my expressions—without mildness or charity.—Had no kindness for my brothers or sisters,

but been insensible to their sorrows ;
—not borne with their defects, or assisted them in their employments ;—
quarrelled with them, or with my companions ;—struck them, or spoken to them ill-naturedly ;—mocked them ;—told tales of them without necessity, out of revenge or pride, that I might be preferred before them.—Kept bad company ;—said, did, or consented to any thing contrary to modesty ;—been curious to know evil ;—listened to wicked discourse ;—dwelt with pleasure on sinful thoughts.—Been idle, or lost great part of a day in doing nothing.—Fond of bed, and excessive sleep.—Eaten fruit or other things to excess, at the risk of making myself sick.—Taken money or other things secretly from my parents or other people ;—stolen out of gardens or other places, or injured my neighbour in his fields, cattle, or property.—Taken things belonging to my parents without their knowledge or consent to give to others.—Coveted or stolen from my companions ;—hidden stolen things, or not restored things which I

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found to their right owners.—Been selfish and over fond of what I possessed, unwilling to allow a share to others.—Been fond of money; gamed to win it, and cheated in playing.—Considered riches as a great happiness.—Envied my brothers, sisters, or companions, when they were esteemed, praised, or enjoyed any advantage which I did not possess.—Told lies to excuse myself, or in boasting, or out of a bad habit.—Partaken of the sins of others, by doing, approving, or laughing at them.

Listen with submission and humility to your confessor, and answer him with truth and simplicity.—When you have finished accusing yourself, say, (striking your breast thrice): Through my fault, &c. as in the Confiteor, *page 8*. Then make an Act of Contrition, *as page 17*.

Be particularly attentive to the penance imposed on you. Fulfil it as soon and as exactly as possible. Do not tell others, or listen to what they have told in confession. After confession take time to reflect on your con-

fessor's advice, and make a firm resolution to serve God with more fidelity in future. For that purpose say the Acts of Faith, Hope, and the Love of God, *as in pages 12 and 13*, and the following prayer for renewing your baptismal vows; but consider well that it is not enough to recite these acts, unless we have in our hearts the sentiments they express; for it is not by the lips, but by the affections of the heart, that we can repent of our faults, or shew our faith, hope, love, and adoration to God.

A Prayer for renewing our Baptismal Vows.

I Return thee thanks, O Almighty God, for having drawn me out of a state of darkness into thine admirable light. I was, alas! dead in sin, and thou, who art rich in mercy, hast restored me to life in Jesus Christ by baptism. I was, by birth, a child of wrath, and thou hast made me a partaker of the divine nature, by the infusion of thy holy Spirit into my soul at the baptismal font, that, purified by thy grace, I might become thy

heir, and inherit eternal life, O bountiful Father, how great is my obligation to love thee, who hast first given me such admirable proofs of thy love ! Ah ! how has it happened, that after having been raised by baptism from the death of sin, I should have again died through the illusion of my passions. Could I ever forget, O my God, that I was stripped of my original corruption at baptism, and clothed as a new man in Jesus Christ ? I will therefore no longer love the world, nor what it contains ; but, having the happiness of being a member of Christ, I will crucify the flesh with all its concupiscences and vicious inclinations. Grant that I may always live by his spirit, and appear in thy sight as a child newly born in thy grace. Banish all kind of malice, pride, and deceit from my heart, that anxious to feed on the pure spiritual milk of thy word, I may increase unto salvation. O may I never grieve thy holy spirit by sin, which by the impression of its seal has marked me for its own, and given me a pledge of immortality. Grant that,

through thy grace, I may be ever fruitful in good works: that living in this world in a manner worthy of thee, I may at length obtain admittance into that kingdom of everlasting glory for which I was created: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen,*

A Summary of such Acts as every good Christian ought daily to practise, and may be enlarged according to every ones particular Devotion.

1. **A**DDRESS to God. 2. Act of humility. 3. Adoration. 4. Presence of God. Theological virtues. 5. Faith. 6. Hope. 7. Charity, or love of God above all things. 8. Contrition. 9. Purpose of amendment. 10. Thanksgiving and purity of intention. 11. Union with Christ's merits. 12. Desire of our Lady's assistance and blessing, with the suffrages of the saints.

1. Almighty everlasting God,
2. I poor and wretched earthly clod,

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3. Humbly adore thee present here;
4. In earth, in heaven, and every
 where.
5. I firmly do believe in thee,
 O prime and sovereign verity.
6. I hope in thy sure promises,
 The earnest of my happiness.
7. I hate the world, and all its pelf;
 And love thee only for thyself.
8. Though, neither heaven nor hell
 were meant
 For my reward or punishment;
 Yet from the bottom of my heart,
 Now wounded with thy healing
 dart,
 I'm sorry t'have offended thee,
 So good a God, who diedst for me.
9. O rather let me choose to die,
 Than re-embrace what now I fly!
10. Accept, Lord, as the widow's mite,
 Due thanks for every benefit;
 I offer to thy greater glory,
 The actions of this day; yet sorry
 They are so vile through my de-
 merits,
11. Unite them with Christ's precious
 merits;

12. Whose Virgin-Mother's helping
hand,
And blessing humbly I demand;
With th' aid of all Saints, who
praise thee,
Now and for all eternity. *Amen.*
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TOBIAS'S ADVICE TO HIS SON.

TOBIAS, thinking that he might die, called to him Tobias his son, and said to him: Hear, my son, the words of my mouth, and lay them as a foundation in thy heart. When God shall take my soul, thou shalt bury my body, and thou shalt honour thy mother all the days of her life: for thou must be mindful what and how great perils she suffered for thee in her womb. And when she also shall have ended the time of her life, bury her by me. And all the days of thy life, have God in thy mind: and take heed thou never consent to sin, nor transgress the commandments of the Lord our God. Give alms out of thy substance, and

turn not away thy face from any poor person: for so it shall come to pass that the face of the Lord shall not be turned from thee. According to thy ability be merciful. If thou have much, give abundantly: if thou have little, take care even so to bestow willingly a little. For thus thou storest up to thyself a good reward for the day of necessity. For alms deliver from all sin, and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness. Alms shall be a great confidence before the Most High God, to all them that give it. Never suffer pride to remain in thy mind, or in thy words: for from it all perdition took its beginning. If any man hath done any work for thee, immediately pay him his hire, and let not the wages of thy hired servant stay with thee at all. See thou never do to another what thou wouldst hate to have done to thee by another. Eat thy bread with the hungry and the needy, and with thy garments cover the naked. Lay out thy bread and thy wine upon the burial of a just man, and do not eat and

drink thereof with the wicked. Seek counsel always of a wise man. Bless God at all times : and desire of him to direct thy ways, and that all thy counsels may abide in him. —Hearken, therefore, my children, to your father : serve the Lord in truth, and seek to do the things that please him : and command your children, that they do justice and alms-deeds, and that they be mindful of God, and bless him at all times in truth, and with all their power. — And after he had lived ninety-nine years in the fear of the Lord with joy they buried him. And all his kindred and all his generation continued in good life, and in holy conversation, so that they were acceptable both to God and to men, and to all that dwelt in the land.

Admonitions to Youth, from the Parables of Solomon, the Son of David, King of Israel.

TO give subtilty to little ones, to the young man knowledge and

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understanding. A wise man shall hear and shall be wiser :: and he that understandeth shall possess governments. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother : that grace may be added to thy head, and a chain of gold to thy neck. My son, if sinners shall entice thee, consent not to them. My son, walk not thou with them, restrain thy foot from their paths. For their feet run to evil. O children, how long will ye love childishness, and fools covet those things which are hurtful to themselves, and the unwise hate knowledge? He that shall hear me shall rest without terror, and shall enjoy abundance, without fear of evils. For if thou shalt call for *Wisdom*, and incline thy heart to *Prudence* : if thou shalt seek her as money, and dig for her as for a treasure : then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and shalt find the knowledge of God : because the

Lord giveth wisdom: and out of his mouth cometh wisdom and knowledge. He will keep the salvation of the righteous, and protect them that walk in simplicity, keeping the paths of justice, and guarding the ways of saints. Then shalt thou understand justice, and judgment, and equity, and every good path. If wisdom shall enter into thy heart, and knowledge please thy soul: counsel shall keep thee, and prudence shall preserve thee, that thou mayest be delivered from the evil way, and from the man that speaketh perverse things: who leave the right way, and walk by dark ways: who are glad when they have done evil, and rejoice in most wicked things: whose ways are perverse, and their steps infamous. For they that are upright, shall dwell in the earth, and the simple shall continue in it. But the wicked shall be destroyed from the earth; and they that do unjustly shall be taken away from it.—My son, forget not my law, and let thy heart keep my commandments. For they shall add to thee

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length of days, and years of life, and peace. Let not mercy and truth leave thee, put them about thy neck, and write them in the tables of thy heart. And thou shalt find grace, and good understanding before God and men. Have confidence in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not upon thy own prudence. In all thy ways think on him, and he will direct thy steps. Be not wise in thy own conceit: fear God, and depart from evil.—Honour the Lord with thy substance, and give him of the first of all thy fruits: and thy barns shall be filled with abundance, and thy presses shall run over with wine.—My son, reject not the correction of the Lord: and do not faint when thou art chastised by him: for whom the Lord loveth, he chastiseth: and as a father in the son he pleaseth himself. Happy is the man that findeth Wisdom, and is rich in prudence: the purchasing thereof is better than the merchandise of silver, and her fruit than the chiefest and purest gold: she is more precious than all riches: and all the things that are

desired, are not to be compared with her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and glory. Her ways are beautiful ways, and all her paths are peaceable. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold on her : and he that shall retain her is blessed. The Lord by *Wisdom* hath founded the earth, hath established the heavens by *Prudence*. By his wisdom the depths have broken out, and the clouds grow thick with dew. My son, let not these things depart from thy eyes : keep the law and counsel : and there shall be life to thy soul, and grace to thy mouth. Then shalt thou walk confidently in thy way, and thy foot shall not stumble : If thou sleep, thou shalt not fear : thou shalt rest, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden fear, nor of the power of the wicked falling upon thee. For the Lord will be at thy side, and will keep thy foot that thou be not taken.—Envy not the unjust man, and do not follow his ways.—Want is from the Lord in the house of the wicked : but the ha-

bitations of the just shall be blessed. He shall scorn the scorers, and to the meek he will give grace. The wise shall possess glory : the promotion of fools is disgrace.—Hear, ye children, the instructions of a *Father* : for I also was my father's son, tender and as an only *Son* in the sight of my mother : and he taught me, and said : Let thy heart receive my words, keep my commandments, and thou shalt live. Get wisdom, get prudence : forsake her not, and she shall keep thee : love her, and she shall preserve thee. She shall give to thy head increase of graces, and protect thee with a noble crown. Hear, O my son, and receive my words, that years of life may be multiplied to thee. Take hold on instruction, leave it not : keep it, because it is thy life. Be not delighted in the paths of the wicked, neither let the way of evil men please thee. The way of the wicked is darksome, they know not where they fall. My son, hearken to my words, and incline thy ear to my sayings. Let them not de-

part from thy eyes, keep them in the midst of thy heart: for they are life to those that find them, and health to all flesh. With all watchfulness keep thy heart, because life issueth out from it. Remove from thee a froward mouth, and let detracting lips be far from thee. Let thy eyes look straight on, and let thy eyelids go before thy steps. Make straight the path for thy feet, and all thy ways shall be established.

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